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SUBJ: YAR PRESIDENT CONTINUES MANEUVER FOR REINSTATEMENT  
FOR FORMER PRIMIN AL-AYNI

REF: (A) SANAA 2462; (B) SANAA 28

1. I SAW PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR MUHAMMAD NU'MAN  
FOR TOUR D'HORIZON JANUARY 13. HE WAS DISPIRITED.  
PRESIDENT IRYANI EVIDENTLY USING FULL FORCE OF HIS POLI-  
TICAL AUTHORITY TO BRING ABOUT RESIGNATION OF PRIMIN  
HAJRI AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY FORMER PRIMIN MUHSIN AL-AYNI.  
NU'MAN SAID HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND WHY PRESIDENT  
ATTACHED SUCH IMPORTANCE TO AL-AYNI'S RETURN BUT  
GIVEN HIS DETERMINATION IT WAS INCREASINGLY LIKELY HE  
WOULD GET HIS WAY. PRESENT STATE OF PLAY WAS THAT  
PRESIDENT HAD SUGGESTED HAJRI RESIGN. HAJRI, WITH  
BACKING OF SAUDI AMBASSADOR SUDAIRY, HAD REFUSED  
SAYING HE WOULD GO ONLY IF PRESIDENT PRODUCED PUBLIC  
LETTER REQUESTING HIS RESIGNATION AND CITING CAUSE. THE  
SAUDI AMBASSADOR HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT SAG'S DOLS  
20 MILLION-PLUS ANNUAL BUDGET SUBSIDY WOULD BE CALLED  
INTO QUESTION BY HAJRI'S REMOVAL AND REINSTATEMENT OF  
AL-AYNI. UNDETERRED, PRESIDENT HAS NOW SENT YAR CHIEF OF  
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STAFF COL. HUSSAIN MASWARI ON UNPUBLICIZED MISSION TO

SAUDI ARABIA, OSTENSIBLY TO DISCUSS MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
BUT IN FACT TO SEEK CHANGE SAG'S MIND ON UNACCEPTABILITY  
OF AL-AYNI.

2. NU'MAN SAID FURTHER CAUSE OF DISCOURAGEMENT IS  
EROSION IN CAMP OPPOSING PRESIDENT'S WISH BRING BACK  
AL-AYNI. CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT SHAIKH  
ABDULLAH HUSSAIN AL-AHMAR, IN PARTICULAR, NO LONGER  
STANDING FIRM. APPARENTLY AT STRONG URGING OF AL-AYNI'S  
BROTHER-IN-LAW HODEIDA GOVERNOR SINAN ABU LUHUM, WITH  
WHOM HE RETAINS FRIENDLY SHAIKHLY RELATIONS, AL-AHMAR  
HAS TAKEN HIMSELF OUT OF SANAA ON EXTENDED VISIT TO HIS  
TRIBAL AREAS.  
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